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THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD....THEREFORE..

INT.

✓ * Psalms 23. and * Matthew 6:24-34.

Psalms 23 is rephrased in Matt. 6. Teaches:

1. Unlimited FAITH in God. David & Christ !!!
2. Unlimited TRUST in God's Word-Promises.
3. Based on Unlimited LOVE for God.

Combine the teachings of both and you have the Shortest, sweetest, deepest, most-important and most-complete sentence-sermon on earth!!

"The Lord is My Shepherd-I shall not worry!"

I. THREE OBSERVATIONS:

1. The greatest gift a PARENT can give to his child is Faith In God! Heb. 11:1. 11:6.
2. The greatest gift a BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHER can give to her students is a Great Faith in God. Ps. 19:1. Rom. 10:17. Teach him the Word!
3. The greatest gift a PREACHER can give to his listener is a great Faith in God! Prov. 1:7. Ps. 119:11. Thy Word...

CONCLUSION: Greatest people I've ever known are those who had the greatest faith in God!!!!
Heeded Psalms 37:23-28.*

Lesson: About simple, but deep faith in God.

I. THE GREATER MAN'S LOVE FOR GOD IS, THE GREATER WILL BE HIS FAITH, AND THE LESS WILL BE HIS WORRIES. * I John 4:16-19. Love erases worry.

A. LET US HEAR JESUS IN HIS SERMON ON THE MOUNT.

MATTHEW 6:24-34.

1. V. 24. MAMMON: "material possessions."
Matter of emphasis: God or money!!!
2. v. 25. TAKE NO THOUGHT: Do not continue to worry. Means: Do not live a life which is care-worn in which you are worried sick and one which takes all the joy out of life. Trust is freedom & happiness.
3. V. 25. LIFE & BODY. If God gives the greater gifts; will He not also give the lesser gifts? * II Cor. 9:7-8.
4. V. 26. BIRDS. God cares for the lesser creatures; will He not also care for the greater? Ps. 8:5. God take care of His angels? Birds? Animals? Christians!!!!

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5. V. 27. STATURE: length of life!
Ill. Worry is a monstrous killer!!
So. Oak Cliff Bank employee. Age: 28.
Wife, 3 children. Died suddenly.
Coroner's report: Heart attack!! Public
Private report: "Died of heart-burst!
Explosion. Pressure. Cut 44 yrs. off life!
Lack of faith expensive for his family!!!

6. V. 28. FLOWERS: Lesser creation has ample
attire! (Lasts 1 week or less. Gone.)
God care for greater creation: YOU?

7. V. 32. GENTILES: heathen, "the other".
They worry! Have reason!
You worry? Why? Reason? "the other?"
Remember: Eph. 1:3. Jas. 1:17.

8. V. 33. CHALLENGE: God puts His name,
reputation and honor on the line!!
You TRY it and I'll Prove it!

9. V. 34. TOMORROW: "Do not trouble trouble
and trouble will not trouble you!!"
Do not BORROW trouble. Tomorrow's!!
LIVE EACH DAY AT A TIME!

Ill. Famous London doctor fell gravely
ill. Paralyzed at the last. Outrageously
cheerful! Great lift for all! Left his
son two bits of advice: a. Hold up your
end of life! Live like a Christian
gentleman EACH day! b. Remember, the
biggest troubles you have got to face
are those which seem formidable, but
WHICH NEVER COME!

INV: TWO QUESTIONS: *could you die like that?*

1. Is the Lord YOUR Shepherd? If not yet, don't
you want Him to be? B-R-C-B.
2. Have you been the Lord's FAITHFUL SHEEP?
If not, no peace of heart till correct
your life. I John 1:9.

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I SHALL NOT WORRY

* Ps. 23

* Matt. 6:24-34

INT: Title: Shortest, sweetest, deepest, most important and most complete sentence-sermon on earth.

Deals with man's most basic spiritual truths: 1. Unlimited faith in God. 2. Unlimited trust in His Word.

Comment: My conviction-greatest gift a parent can give a child today is implicit-unwavering faith in God. Why Self, Marriage, Home, School, City, Nation.

I. FAITH IN GOD IS MAN'S GREATEST BLESSING.

Heb. 11:6. Heb. 11:1. Rom. 10:17. Prov. 1:7. Ps. 19:1

STATEMENT: Greatest people I have ever known are those who had the greatest faith in God and His Word!!!!

KINGS & PROPHETS OF OLD AGREED: Isa. 26:3-4. 40:28-31. & Psalms 37:23-28.

II. THE GREATER MAN'S LOVE FOR GOD, THE GREATER WILL BE HIS FAITH, AND THE LESS WILL BE HIS WORRIES.

Matt. 22:37. I John 4:11-19.* Love erases worry!

M.6

A. Jesus explains the impossibility of the double-mind. V.24
Mammon defined: "material possessions."

B. JESUS TEACHES: KJ-Take no thought. ASV-"be not anxious" V.25. TEV-do not be worried.

OTHERS: Be not careful (full of care). Do not worry anxiously. Do not distrust God! & Do not keep on being full of concern.

MEANING: Do not live a life which is care-worn, in which you are worried-sick and one which takes all the joy out of life. Explain: John 10:10. P. 4:13.

C. JESUS GIVES SEVEN GOOD REASONS WHY THE CHRISTIAN MUST NOT LET HIS LIFE BE FILLED WITH WORRY.

1. **VS. 25.**

If God gives the **GREATER GIFT**, the Body, He will also give the **LESSER GIFTS**, food, clothing, shelter
II Cor. 9:5-8.*

2. **VS. 26.**

If God cares for the **LESSER CREATURES**, will He not also care for **YOU, THE GREATER CREATION?**
Matt. 10:29-30. Ps. 8:1-5. Gen. 2:7.

3. **VS. 27.** (stature. span of life. length of life)
Worry will not and cannot extend your life. **Ill!** over!

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Ill. 28 year old man employed by South Oak Cliff State Bank. Married. 3 children. Died of heart-explosion-burst! **PRESSURE and WORRY!** Worry cut his life about 44 yrs short!

4. Vs. 28.

If God dresses the flowers of the field, will He not also dress you? Flowers lasted less than wk
a. If there is **ONE** thing America is NOT short on now is clothing! Hurricanes are welcomed drain-off channels for old clothes. Ton! Truck loads.

5. Vs. 32.

Christians, who worry, are acting like the Gentiles (heathen), who have a right to worry. Going it alone! Not in touch with the Source of all our needs.

Eph. 1:3. James 1:17. Every good gift....

6. Vs. 33.

The Divine Formula puts God's **NAME, REPUTATION and INFLUENCE** on the line. Few really willing to go this far! Why half-happy and secure in life too!

7. Vs. 34.

"Do not trouble trouble and trouble will not trouble you!" **LIVE ONE DAY AT A TIME!** Do a good job today! Ill. Famous doctor fell ill. Long illness before he died. **Outrageously cheerful, although paralyzed!** Smile so brave and radiant that he lifted all. Wife almost worshipped him. **Children adored him.** Son left home to seek his fortune. Got this advice: "Johnny, my lad, hold your end of life up. Do it like a gentleman. And please **remember**; The biggest troubles you have got to face are those ...those **THAT NEVER COME.**" Barclay, 262.

INV: If the Lord is NOT your Shepherd, you have cause to worry! In sin. Lost. No hope of eternal life. Mk. 16:15-16.

If the Lord **IS** your Shepherd...then you should never be full of worry. Phil. 4:6-7. I Pet. 5:6-7.

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